GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5093
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CONCESSION UNDER TRANSFER OF RESIDENCE RULE
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registereda case against a Superintendent and a Preventive Officer of Customs postedin Goa for causing a loss of Rs. 7.89 lakhs for conspiring with five other including a Customs House Agent to smuggle the air conditioners in the pretext of granting concessions under the Transfer of Residence Rule; and

(b) if so, the full facts of the case and action taken thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINI STRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Consequent upon the seizure of 86 air conditioners by the Goa Police on 21.4.99, inquiries were conducted which revealed that the said air conditioners were cleared under the Transfer of Residence Rule by one Superintendent and one Preventive officer posted in the Goa Customs House without following the prescribed procedure. The air conditioners had been brought by apassenger in a container from Muscat. Subsequent to the investigations, independent of the registration of case by CBI, departmental proceedings have been initiated against the officers and Show Cause Noticeshave also been issued to them for violation under Customs Act, 1962.